

Regular Session, 2010

SENATE BILL NO. 255

BY SENATORS CHAISSON AND THOMPSON

WORKERS' COMPENSATION. Provides relative to electronic medical billing requirements for workers' compensation matters.(8/15/10)

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 23:1203.2, relative to electronic medical billing for workers' compensation claims; to provide for electronic submission of medical bills; to provide for electronic processing and payment of medical bills; to provide for acceptance of electronic payment; to provide for rules and regulations; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 23:1203.2 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§1203.2. Electronic medical billing and payment

A.(1) The director shall adopt rules and regulations regarding the electronic submission, processing, and payment of workers' compensation-related medical bills, in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq.

(2) Such rules shall take effect no later than January 1, 2012.

B. The following groups shall make provisions for such an electronic claims system:

(1) Insurance carriers shall accept medical bills electronically submitted

1 **by health care providers, in accordance with the rules promulgated.**

2 **(2) Health care providers shall accept payment of medical claims**
3 **submitted electronically by insurance carriers, in accordance with the rules**
4 **promulgated.**

5 **C. On or after January 1, 2012, the director may adopt additional rules**
6 **and regulations, in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S.**
7 **49:950 et seq., regarding the electronic exchange of medical claims information.**

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Mary Dozier O'Brien.

DIGEST

Chaisson (SB 255)

Present law contains no provision requiring electronic submission, processing, or payment
of workers' compensation-related medical bills.

Proposed law provides that the director of the office of workers' compensation shall adopt
rules and regulations regarding an electronic system of submission, processing, and payment
of workers' compensation-related medical bills.

Proposed law provides that insurance carriers shall accept electronic medical bills and health
care providers shall accept electronic payment of such bills.

Proposed law provides that on or after 1/1/12, the director may promulgate additional rules
and regulations regarding the electronic medical billing system.

Effective August 15, 2010.

(Adds R.S. 23:1203.2)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Labor and Industrial Relations to the original bill.

1. Amendments delete provision calling for an electronic medical billing pilot
program and for exceptions to having to meet the January 1, 2012 deadline